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TO

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ALSO

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Forces with his Excellency.*

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◆◆◆◆◆ Pon the 11. day of this moneth
◆ U ◆ Prince Robert began to declare
◆◆◆◆◆ his Resolution to the Kings
most excellent Majesty, and the
rest of the Nobles that are now attend-
ing upon his royall Person, which was
to this effect: That he had information
by Letters from *Holland*, that his roy-

all much discontented and troubled in mind for his residence here in England, and was very desirous that hee should take his leave of his royall Uncle, the King of England, and to come to the Hague in Holland, whereby she might impart her minde unto him: he being willing to fulfil his Mothers desires, and sorry for his first coming over, declared his resolution to His Majesty, that hee was now resolved to leave England, desiring His Majesty not to be displeased thereat; and that according to the utmost of his power, he would endeavour to send over such able Commanders as should finish what he had begun.

His Excellency the Earle of Essex having left a strong garison at Worcester and all other places which he thought might prove prejudiciall to his Army, if that the malignant Party should take them into their possession, and having secured these places, hee advanced with his whole Army towards Shrewsbury, where

where the Kings Majesty hath set down
 his resolution to meet with his Excel-
 lency and his whole Army: but the
 weather being somewhat vehement, in-
 somuch as his Excellency could not
 march with his whole army fast enough
 towards Shrewsbury, therefore hee
 sent Colonell Hollis, Colonell Hamp-
 den, and divers other Officers with three
 thousand horse and Foot before, by rea-
 son of the information which he had
 newly received, that some of the Parlia-
 ments Forces that lay neere unto the said
 towne of Shrewsbury were in great dis-
 tresse, because the Kings Army were al-
 most gathered to a head, and lay within
 five miles of the said towne, and there-
 fore expected they should suddenly have
 a battell with them, and not being able
 to encounter with them, because the Ca-
 valiers did far exceed them in number,
 therefore forthwith they dispatched Let-
 ters to the Lord Generall, desiring speedy
 aid from his Excellency, and according
 to

to their desires, he sent the aforementioned Forces, which no sooner arrived there, but immediately they had a battell with the Cavaliers, being in number about seven thousand Horse and Foot, which were under the command of the Earle of Lindsey, and the Earle of Westmerland, and our Forces were not above foure thousand at the most: having joyned themselves in battell with the enemy, continuing for the space of three houres, the enemy retreated with the losse of fifty men, and twenty three on our side.

From Bridgnorth there is information by divers letters that the Lord Willoughby of Parham hath joyned his Forces with his Excellency the Earle of Essex, and are in their march towards Shrewsbury, and by the way they found great opposition at Bridgnorth (which is a towne about twelve miles distant from Shrewsbury) by Prince Robert and divers others of the malignant Party; whereupon

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whereupon there soone increased many
dangers, and the inveterate malice of the
Cavaliers there burst out, and began to
give out many scoffing speeches against
our souldiers, but they not brooking of
such scandalous words, desired leave of
their Officers to discharge against them,
but at the first they seemed somewhat un-
willing, and would not condescend
thereunto, untill they understood the
pleasure of the Lord Generall, but after
some consultation thereof, they fell to it
pell mell, and in the space of five hours
seventy of the Cavaliers were slaine, and
divers taken prisoners, with very little
losse on our party: whereupon the ene-
my sounded a parley, and at the said par-
ley it was concluded on, that a set day
should be appointed for the meeting of
both Armies.

There are 340. souldiers come out of
Herefordshire to his Excellency for the
service of the King and Parliament, and
that the city of Hereford had sent to his
Excellency,

Excellency, signifying their good affecti-
on to the Parliament, and their desire to
have that city secured against the Cava-
liers, which they much feared would
come, there being a malignant party in
the city, those that were well affected,
durst not shew their forwardnesse so
much as they would, whereupon his
Excellency sent one thousand foot, and
foure troupes of horse to disarme the
malignants, and to settle that City in a
good posture of defence, and likewise
ordered that a sufficient garrison should
be left there for the safety and peace of
those parts.

Sir William Balfoure is gone to joyne
his Forces with the L. Generall, and the
Scots Commanders that profered their
service to the Parliament, are gone to his
Excellency and entred into their places.

There are also soldiers come out
of the city of Hereford to the
service of the King and Parliament, and
that the city of Hereford had sent to his
Excellency.

